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Local Sports Participants to be Honored at Walk of Fame Ceremony

(Temple) – Twenty-two local amateur athletes and league supporters will be inducted into the Walk of Fame. Temple Parks and Leisure Services will hold a ceremony to honor these individuals on Thursday, April 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Gober Party House. These athletes and league supporters have contributed to the success of youth baseball, youth softball, and/or adult softball in Temple. Their names will be placed on one of three walks of fame at Temple baseball and softball complexes.

“Last year we began the Adult Softball Walk of Fame and received a great response from the community when we inducted 10 members. This year, we decided to add the two new walks of fame, the Youth Softball Walk of Fame and the Youth Baseball Walk of Fame, as venues for recognition of the players and supporters of these sports in Temple. These three walks of fame will be a feature in the community for years to come,” said Parks and Leisure Services Director Ken Cicora.

Nominations were accepted last year through January 31, 2012. The Walk of Fame Committee reviewed all applications and then provided their recommendations to the Temple Parks Advisory Board. After reviewing each nominee’s contributions to their sport, the Board accepted the following individuals to be inducted into the Walks of Fame.

“The inductees include umpires, coaches, players, and volunteers all that have made a substantial contribution to the advancement, improvement, or enlargement of Temple softball or baseball,” said Parks and Leisure Services, Athletic Coordinator Tracy Klusacek. “We are excited to announce the inductees. It is a small way we can honor and recognize them for all that they have done for softball and baseball in Temple.”

Youth Softball Walk of Fame:

- Jim Hamrick
- Shorty Grisham
- Jeannie Poteet

- Patsy Steinert
- Dennis Mercer
- Glenn Rickerman
- Maurice Zaleski
- James Rushing
- Leonard Pate
- Mildred Lancaster

Youth Baseball Walk of Fame:

- Paul Boyd
- BC Gillon
- Larry Stanford
- Bert Garcia
- Gene Pemberton
- Bruce Moreland
- Sunday Luna

Adult Softball Walk of Fame:

- Rocky Reddehase
- Ed Tames
- Spencer Smith
- Sonny Robinson
- Billy Crow

“We would not be able to enjoy the phenomenal athletic facilities we have in our community were it not for the participation and support of many individuals,” said Cicora. “It is only right that we recognize those people on our Walks of Fame. We invite the public to join us as we honor our new inductees on Thursday.”

For more information about the Walk of Fame Ceremony or how you can submit a nomination for the Walk of Fame, please visit www.templetx.gov/walkoffame or contact Tracy Klusacek at 254.298.5582.

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